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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, KS, KN, US

SUBJECT: CH-47 HELICOPTER

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: COMUSKOREA 140806Z JUL 77

1. WE ARE OBVIOUSLY SEEKING TO ACHIEVE RETURN OF  
SURVIVING CREW MEMBER, REMAINS OF OTHERS, AND HELICOPTER  
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT HAVING INCIDENT ESCALATE.

WHILE CONTINUING TO INDICATE PREFERENCE FOR EARLIER  
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MEETING YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AGREE MAC MEETING JULY 16  
1100 HOURS AS NORTH KOREANS PROPOSED. IN ADDITION,  
YOU SHOULD PRESS ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS FOR IDENTITY  
AND CONDITION OF SURVIVING CREW MEMBER BEFORE THE  
MEETING.

2. WHEN MEETING IS HELD UNC MAC SENIOR MEMBER SHOULD  
DRAW ON MESSAGE ALREADY PASSED TO NORTH KOREAN SIDE

(REFTEL), ADDING ANY FURTHER APPROPRIATE DETAILS ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF INCIDENT WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE. SENIOR MEMBER SHOULD OF COURSE STRESS THAT INTRUSION WAS TOTALLY UNINTENTIONAL, THAT HELICOPTER AND CREW WERE UNARMED AND THAT INCIDENT WAS REGRETTABLE.

3. IF, AS CONDITION FOR RETURN OF CREW, NORTH KOREAN SIDE DEMANDS ORAL OR WRITTEN APOLOGY FOR SIMPLE VIOLATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, UNC SENIOR MEMBER IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE OR SIGN STATEMENT REGRETTING INCIDENT AND NOTING THAT INTRUSION WAS UNINTENTIONAL RESULT OF NAVIGATIONAL ERROR. DEMAND FOR STATEMENT WHICH SUGGESTS ADMISSION OF AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS OR SIMILAR ACKNOWLEDGMENT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ACCEDED TO BUT SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY TO STATE/DEFENSE.

4. IN PRESS PLAY BOTH HERE AND IN SEOUL, WE WANT TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC STANCE FOCUSsing ON RETURN OF WOUNDED AND DEAD CREW MEMBERS ALONG LINES OF PRESIDENT'S JULY 14 REMARKS TO SENATE LEADERS (SEPTEL). VANCE

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